

**Town of Webster  
Conservation Commission  
Minutes of the Meeting – April 11, 2016**

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**Attending:** Commissioners – Richard Franas, Paul Fiske, Al Huefner, and Beau Saad  
Staff – Meagen Donoghue, Town Planner

**Absent:** Commissioners – Joseph Kunkle, Jeff Dowgiewicz, Joseph Kabalah

Meeting called to order: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Basement Conference Room

**Discussion – 59 Wakefield Avenue**

Ms. Donoghue presented correspondence received of a photocopy of an advertisement from the Webster Times welcoming public comment regarding a dock to be placed in the Lake. Chairman Franas suggested the Commission include the address during the next set of site visits.

**Public Meeting– 8 Henry Road - RDA**

Chairman Franas introduced the meeting. Mr. Huefner noted the trees were marked and the request was warranted. The project included two (2) birch and two (2) pine to be removed on the driveway side, away from the water. Chairman Franas indicated that standard conditions were to be used.

Mr. Huefner motioned to grant a negative determination for 8 Henry Road for the removal of four (4) trees at 8 Henry Road. Mr. Fiske second; vote all in favor.

**Public Hearing – Inactive Southbridge Secondary Rail Line Bridge No. D-12-043 = W-12-017**

Chairman Franas opened the public hearing. The representative provided a new set of drawings at the start of the meeting. He also provided the scope of work including a six foot tall fence at a forty-foot angle from the abutment on just one side of the bridge due to the other side belonging to the Town of Dudley. The representative noted that he is collaborating with Dudley because the Town Line is in the center of the river. Chairman Franas stated he will communicate with DPW Director Kenny Pizetti about this project. The representative indicated the fence was due to trespassing and the DOT did not want to be held liable for anything negative that may occur.

Mr. Fiske made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Huefner second; vote all in favor.

Mr. Fiske made a motion to grant the NOI for the Inactive Southbridge Secondary Rail Line Bridge No. D-12-043 = W-12-017 as depicted on the drawings received at the start of the hearing. Mr. Huefner second; vote all in favor.

**Public Hearing – 59 Birch Island Road – NOI**

Chairman Franas opened the public hearing and noted he and Mr. Huefner went to the property for the site visit. The representative noted he was going to build a garage with an patio area, deck, 20 x 40 foot driveway, and sidewalk area. Mr. Huefner noted the representative's plans were hard to understand. The representative clarified with new plans in which he colored in the areas to be constructed. He noted the deck was do go 15 feet above the water behind the garage. He indicated that he was putting hay bales and silt fencing up. Mr. Huefner said that the project called for changing the impervious area. The representative stated he plans on putting two (2) cultic chambers in as a result. M. Huefner said the chambers must hold an inch; in which the representative assured the Commission that the chambers he

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plans on using do. He also indicated that there will be no disturbances in the back. Mr. Franas said on the site visit, the project was hard to envision because it wasn't staked out. As a result, the representative noted that he would color in all future drawings to indicate the location of proposed projects.

Chairman Franas suggested the Commission approve the project using all standard conditions.

Mr. Huefner motioned to close the public hearing. Mr. Fiske second; vote all in favor.

Mr. Huefner made a motion to grant the NOI using all standard conditions for 59 Birch Island Road. Mr. Fiske second; vote all in favor.

**Public Hearing – 17 Mark Avenue – NOI**

Chairman Franas opened the public hearing. Mr. Huefner stated he was on the site visit and right now they have an impervious driveway and now want to place pavers in front of the three (3) car garage which would extend forty (40) feet from the garage. Mr. Huefner also noted that a foot and a half of soil will be removed and taken off site and be replaced by layers of coarse and fine aggregate, then topped off with sand and then the pavers will lay on top. Therefore they will not have standing water. Chairman Franas recommended ENS controls on both sides of the driveway and all debris to be removed from the site, plus all standard special conditions.

Mr. Fiske motioned to close the public hearing. Mr. Huefner second; all in favor.

Mr. Saad motioned to grant the NOI at 17 Mark Ave with ENS controls on both sides of the driveway and all debris to be removed from the site, plus all standard special conditions. Mr. Fiske second; vote all in favor.

**Discussion – 14 Pattison Road – COC**

Chairman Franas presented the discussion. Mr. Huefner discussed the site visit and stated that overall "it was a good job." He asked the representative if there were down spouts. The representative answered he put drop channels in instead because the landscape was so flat.

Mr. Huefner motioned to grant the COC at 14 Pattison Road. Fiske second; vote all in favor.

**Discussion – 114 Point Breeze – COC**

Chairman Franas stated that he and Mr. Huefner were on the site visit to observe the updates from the original OOC from 1994 and everything was complete.

Mr. Huefner motioned to grant the COC for 114 Point Breeze. Mr. Fiske second; vote all in favor.

**Discussion – 94 Bates Point Road – Emergency Order**

The homeowner stated the footings of the retaining wall were undermined. He noted that they were repaired twenty-five (25) years ago but "took a pounding" from the waves. The homeowner presented photographs and noted where he was going to repair the wall. He said that the footings were to be pumped in and put reinforcement rods in.

Chairman Franas recommended an emergency order but would like to eventually see a drawn plan.

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Mr. Saad motioned to grant the emergency order for 94 Bates Point Road. Mr. Huefner second; vote all in favor.

**Other Business**

Ms. Donoghue asked the Commission to update the MACC roster, which she would mail upon completion.

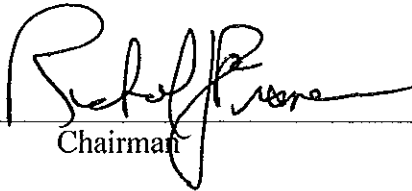
**Next Meeting Date: April 25, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. – Basement Conference Room**

Meeting adjourned 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Meagen P. Donoghue, MRP  
Town Planner

All correspondence, applications, plans and reports can be viewed at the Engineering Office, 350 Main St, Webster MA 01570

Conservation Commission Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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